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W. CALVIN CHASE, EDITOR.

A colored Citizens' Committee ought to be organized.

Give us 10,000 subscribers, and the BEE will be issued tri-weekly.

If you want a National race paper, give us 10,000 subscribers.

Rev. R. S. Laws, pastor of the Va. Ave. Baptist Church, is making great head way with his new church. When completed it will be the largest and most handsome church in South Washington.

In another column of this paper will be found interesting statistics of all the lodges in the world and their increase from 1880. Mr. Saville will also give the number of colored lodges as soon as he prepares them.

The poem that was read by Rev. Walter H. Brooks at the reception tendered Mr. Douglass will be found on our front page. It is one of the finest poems that any one wish to read. Rev. Brooks read it with ease and eloquence.

Chase, of the BEE, is displaying his fighting qualities with remarkable ability, effectiveness and suddenness. Something dropped in Washington last week with a BEE stinger hanging to it.—The Commonwealth.

Yes it was a sudden drop, which electrified the entire colored population. There will be another fall in a few weeks. Rhode Island demands it.—Listen.

The Catalogue of the first Industrial Exposition, by the citizens of this city, held under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity in September 1886 has just been compiled by Mr. F. G. Barbadoes. It reflects great credit on these gentlemen who were so instrumental in bringing the affair about. S. Rodger Watts, M. D., was the president, W. H. Meyers, financial secretary, J. F. Cook, treasurer and Solomon G. Brown, General Director. No person should be without this excellent catalogue.

Nelson is one of those erratic cranks.—WASHINGTON BEE.

W. Calvin Chase, is considered in this part of the country as being one of the most skillful acrobats of the Negro press editors. He is by nature long and thin, when seen in one of his arena fetes, one cannot but admire his wonderful tumblings at times.—Freeman's Journal.

One thing we can say and that is we can remain at home and denounce the outrages perpetrated against the Negro, while the pious editor of the Journal skips to Washington occasionally asking for aid from republican members of congress. Wise men tumble whenever it is necessary, but when fools tumble they break their necks. Nelson is one of those fools.

Mr. Chase you are a dandy.—you deserve credit if you are as ugly as home made sin. Every body feels good over your successful and skillful annihilation of that old lady Henry Johnson. It seems as tho' you stung the critter A-TWIXT the fifth and fourteenth ribs. Let us hear more about this vere affair. Billy here's our love. We are with you.—The Commonwealth.

It was for the good of the schools that Col. Webb made a change, and the Commonwealth in common with the colored population can rejoice over the change and congratulate Col. Webb, who is an

honest and upright man. We are pleased to know that our able contemporary takes sides with the people and offers its hand to the BEE. Since we are both working for the success and prosperity of the people against the assaults of the enemy, and, for years we have been opposed to each other, we cannot refuse to accept the hand that you offer—we therefore throw down the gauntlet, and extend the hand of fellowship.



Men of Mark, a book by Rev. W. J. Simmons is out. No family should be without it. It contains portraits of over 100 representative colored men.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL.

We now hope to see our High school reorganized and placed upon a higher and systematic basis. We have got the talent and what is now needed is for that talent to be developed in the right direction. The people expect to hear good results and it is hoped that their expectations will not be blighted.

THE 15TH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A proposition has been made to the trustees of the 15th St. Presbyterian church for the purchase of that edifice. The sum that has been offered is \$50,000. That amount is not sufficient. If a reasonable sum is offered, say about 80 or 90 thousand dollars it would be an inducement for the congregation to sell. Otherwise we would advise the trustees and members not to sell. From the start we did not favor the sale of the church at any price. For the amount of money we have suggested would enable the congregation to build a fine structure in a vicinity equally as popular as the one in which the church is now situated. As a matter of fact, there are but a few members who have kept the church up anyway, while others have had a great deal to say but pay no money. Let it go at 80 or 90 thousand.

MR. DOUGLASS' BANQUET.

The greatest surprise that met the eyes of Mr. Douglass last week after having been greeted by 2000 people, was the slimly attended and poorly arranged banquet that was held in the basement of the Metropolitan church. The supper was served by Mr. Levi Cromwell of Philadelphia, we are told, as there were no caterers in this city who could serve the supper as well as Mr. Cromwell. Not even Mr. John A. Gray or Mr. Jas. L. Thomas who have served the largest dinners and suppers of any men in the country. Those who took part in the banquet were taxed three dollars a plate. The menu was as follows: Oysters raw on shell, mock turtle, salmon, lobster sauce, croquettes and broiled oysters, deviled crabs, chicken salad and fried oysters, tomato salad and crackers, ice cream, assorted cakes and crackers and ice water. This is what we call a cold banquet and even Mr. Douglass was compelled to leave before he was sufficiently served.

Although three dollars was paid by those who attended the banquet, the committee is still in debt and an additional tax of one dollar is to be made, we understand. If the committee would only hand us over the additional amount to be collected we assure them that we will show something for it.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

Nothing was dearer to the Roman people than eternal vigilance. It was that which made Caesar master of the world, it was that which led Cicero to the discovery of the Cataline conspiracy and the overthrow of one of the most profligate and arch traitors known to antiquity; it was eternal vigilance that emancipated over four millions of slaves, and placed America upon a sure and substantial foundation, which to-day is one of the most prosperous countries on the globe. While America has the name of being a republican form of government it lacks many principles before it will be one in fact. A government which is powerless to protect all of its citizens in their civil and political rights falls short of being a government of, for and by the people. Our American laws are defective, they are construed in

certain sections of the country to suit certain people to the detriment of a class that is characterized as inferiors.

There must be a change in the body-politic, and a new party must be born before all citizens will be placed upon an equal footing. The ostracized race must embrace every opportunity that tends to its elevation and recognition of every constitutional right. The American constitution was formed to suit the convenience of a past age, and were it not so, the 13, 14 and 15 amendments to it would have been unnecessary. These amendments had to be added to protect a certain class, and a portion of which have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, thus leaving it to the states to settle all questions pertaining to the rights and liberties of a certain class of citizens for which they were adopted. It is indeed strange that certain white citizens can be protected against the insurrections of the Indians by a proclamation of the chief executive and the same executive is powerless to protect a civilized class of citizens against the outrages perpetrated upon them by another class. When it comes to protect a Negro in his political rights there is no law in the statute books applicable to reach his case. The constitution is not only defective but powerless to a certain extent. In many instances the government has played the part of a coward, especially in its dealings with foreign powers. It has allowed her ships to be seized, and American citizens to be killed and arrested without demanding or forcing an apology from the offending foreign power. Our navy is a farce and the army could be sent to the smallest foreign government on the globe. We meddle too much with England and Ireland's home rule policy. It is as much as we can do to attend to the enemies within our own country, without interfering with Great Britain. The Negroes in the South need all the protection that their government can give them. There are traitors within our own household, and thieves who daily scheme to overthrow our government, but, it seems as if we disregard the warnings and seek to protect those who have no more interest in the prosperity of our government than the potent power of Russia.

OUR DIST. COLORED MILITIA

will learn a lesson from past experiences. It is indeed necessary that our District militia should be united and work in harmony with each other. As an evidence of our sincerity in the matter, we propose a complimentary reunion of all the colored militia in this city at such a time and place as may be agreed upon by the officers of the several organizations. Let this reunion be known as the BEE's grand Complimentary benefit to the colored militia of the District. Our propositions are, let the proceeds of the reunion be divided between the several organizations as follows: The organization selling the highest number of tickets over 500 will receive a stand of colors and the remainder of the net proceeds to be divided equally among the organizations. Will Col. Revells, Majors Fleetwood, Fisher and others agree to our proposition? Our object is to bring the District militia upon a more friendly relationship and at the same time be benefited.

GENL. ORDWAY

the commander of the District National Guards has not found a competent Negro to go on his staff. The Governor of Pennsylvania has a colored man on his staff and even have colored officers commanding white companies and colored men in white companies. Let the District National Guards be abolished and reorganized. We hope that our colored companies in the future will stop escorting these white companies to the depot. There is popular feeling of indignation among the people and universal approval of our suggestions in this direction.

OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

BLAINE AND CLEVELAND. WILL FRED. GRANT BE ELECTED? HIS ELECTION MEANS HIS NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENCY '88. A COLORED POLICEMAN KILLED IN TEXAS. DUTY OF OUR DISTRICT MILITIA IN THE FUTURE. GEN. ORDWAY AND HIS STAFF.

It is said that it will be necessary to renominate Mr. Cleveland as it is an undeniable fact that Mr. Blaine will be the nominee of the republican party. If Mr. Blaine is renominated it will be the duty of the National republican committee to harmonize the defective element in the party. We are inclined to believe that Mr. Blaine will, if nominated and elected, disappoint us all. This is only a conjecture. If Mr. Blaine finds that his renomination will be inimical to the success of the republican party he should decline to allow his name to go before the convention. While an attempt is made on the part of the democratic politicians to cover over the disagreement between the President and Governor Hill of New York, there is an inclination on the part of the democracy to force Mr. Hill on the convention. Every indication shows that Gov. Hill will be a candidate for the presidency. How the colored voters of New York will act toward

COL. FRED. GRANT

the Negro hater of West Point, we unable to say. If Fred. Grant conceived a dislike for the Negro at West Point and declared that none should graduate while he was a Cadet there, is it not natural for him to entertain the same feeling toward him now? Has he manifested any change? He is the same Fred. Grant who expects to be elected Secretary of the State of New York on the name of his illustrious father. It has been remarked that Grants election means his nomination for President in '88. If nominated we are of the opinion that there would be no show for his election. It can be seen by an article clipped from the Texas Freeman's Journal that no Negroes are killed in Texas. Last winter a man, whose name we don't know, with a delegation of colored men were in this city, refugees from Texas, who swore before the Senate committee on privileges and elections that Negroes were butchered by

the wholesale in the state. A few months ago Bishop H. M. Turner was stoned by a mob and was compelled to flee for his life. Who is the liar, Nelson or these reputable gentlemen. So far as we are concerned we would rather believe the biggest liar in Texas than to believe one word Nelson says. We know you Nelson and if you are as well known in Texas as you are here we can't see how respectable people can tolerate you. The best evidence in the world that Nelson is a liar is the testimony of three white and colored republicans before the Senate committee and the recent killing of a colored policeman at Houston. If these hoodlums disregard the officers of the law it is plain that the republican Negroes stand a poor show. It is hoped that

active hostilities begun. The negroes has been largely reinforced. The Houston Light Guards have just received orders to leave on a special train for the town of Columbia, Brazoria County.

THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED—TEACHERS AND JANITORS—SALARIES OF PRINCIPALS—OTHER MATTERS.

An adjourned meeting of the board of trustees of public schools was held last Friday. The president Mr. Ross, announced the following standing committees: Rules—Messrs. Ross, Darlington, Francis; ways and means, supplies and accounts: Messrs. Whelpley, Fish, Cornish; buildings, repairs and furniture: Messrs. Cornish, Witmer, Ross; Normal and High School: Messrs. Darlington, Curtis, Francis; teachers and janitors: Messrs. Gregory, Witmer, Whelpley; text, books, studies examinations, promotions and scholarship, Messrs. Fish, Curtis, Gregory; penmanship and music, Messrs. Francis Whelpley, Ross; industrial education and drawing, Messrs. Curtis, Fish, Cornish; library and an annual report Messrs. Witmer, Darlington, and Gregory.

Mr. Curtis nominated the following janitors: Dickson building, C. W. Harding; Gardner building Rebecca Santou; Congress Street building, Hezekiah Turner. These nominations were confirmed.

Mr. Ross submitted for appointment as substitute teachers in the second division the following names: Miss Katie Shermerhorn, Miss A. K. Keyser, Miss Blanche Smith, Miss Jaunie Donoran, Miss Florence Ball.

Dr. Francis nominated M. C. Baker as substitute teacher for the seventh district.

These nominations were confirmed, subject to rule 20, which provides that all appointments of substitute and temporary teachers shall be made from certificate holders, and in the order of excellence so long as there shall be unemployed certificate holders available for the purpose.

THE ESTIMATES NOT READY.

Mr. Fish, from the committee on ways and means, stated that the committee had not been able to submit the estimates, as they had expected to do, owing to the fact that Mr. Cook, the Superintendent of the colored schools, had not prepared his figures. He would suggest that the board adjourn, subject to the call of the president and it would be the endeavor to have the estimates ready as soon as possible.

Prof. Gregory offered the following:

"Resolved, That the principals of school buildings in the county who have taught successfully for five years or more shall receive \$1,200 a year, and all other principals shall receive, for the first year, \$900; second year, \$950; third year \$1,000; fourth year \$1,100, fifth year \$1,200.

"Resolved, That those teachers in charge of buildings which contain six or more rooms shall be designated principals, and also all other teachers who have charge of two room buildings and teach the eighth grade."

Prof. Gregory said that it was a very important matter to regulate the pay of principals in the county so that they would be more on an equality with the principals in the city. As it was now the tendency was to look forward to an appointment in the city, where the pay is higher. The resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means. Mr. Cornish presented a petition from the trustees of the Rehoboth church, where a school was located asking the approval of the board in their dismissal of the janitor and the appointment of a new janitor. The new janitor was stated to be N. Janifer, and this appointment was confirmed. Mr. Darlington from the High school committee, said that the attendance exceeded the capacity, and he moved that the principal be authorized to hold half day schools.

Mr. Fish ask if some were not attending this school who had no right to do so. He referred to post graduates. Mr. Darlington said that there were no pupils of this class now in the school.

The motion was adopted. Prof. Gregory presented the report of the teachers' committee, recommending the following promotions in the first division. Miss McGill to class 12, Miss McMahon to class 9, Miss Fuller to class 10, Miss Lovejoy to class 7, Miss

Scannell to class 7. In the third division: Miss Tindle to class 9, Miss Dalton to class 8, reduced Miss Jenkins to class 7. In the sixth division: Miss Clancy to class 6. The board then adjourned.

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